

The Mezzanine Gallery to Exhibit “Art with Purpose” by Leah Beach

On view from October 4-25, 2019

Free opening reception on Friday, October 4, at 5 p.m.

Wilmington, Del. (September 25, 2019) – *Art with Purpose*, an exhibition of photographs and paintings by Leah Beach, will be on view in the Mezzanine Gallery from October 4-25, 2019. The artist will host a free opening reception on Friday, October 4, from 5-7 p.m. Leah, a Dewey Beach resident, received an [Individual Artist Fellowship in 2018](#) from the Delaware Division of the Arts as the Emerging Professional in Visual Arts: Photography.

Art with Purpose is about inspiring social change through the power of creative vision. Beach uses her photography to empower people in the developing world in partnership with non-profits. And her paintings are intended to bring awareness to social causes. “When you can change the perspective of a single person to be passionate about a cause after viewing your artwork,” Beach says, “you are well on your way to making a difference in the world.”

The exhibition features photographs from a trip to Haiti made in partnership with a local hospital and a U.S.-based community health organization. Beach captured moments in the Haitian hospital that could happen in hospitals all over the world regardless of the cultural and economic differences. The images from this visit have been used in marketing campaigns for the hospital and organization.

The exhibition will also include several paintings from her “In-Dangered” collection, a series that depicts the 17 most endangered species in 2018. Animals included in the show are the Northern Atlantic right whale, northern white rhino, greater bamboo lemur, Amur leopard, Javan rhino, and ivory-billed woodpecker.

The [Mezzanine Gallery](#), open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., is located on the second floor of the Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington.

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